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Canada's new Prime Minister Paul Martin discussed rural and health issues during a press conference at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday. It was a short visit - he toured the new wing and met with staff before heading back to Ottawa.

PM WOWS 'em in Lindsay

Paul Martin says healthcare his 'number one priority'

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI

Times staff

Prime Minister Paul Martin received a warm reception from health practitioners gathered at Ross Memorial Hospital when he visited Lindsay on Wednesday.

With a possible election call looming, local media focused on questions about agriculture, the gun registry, and, most significantly given the location, health care.

"There is no doubt that health care is the number one priority for this government and it's the number one priority for Canadians," Martin said at the press conference.

After shaking hands with staff, Martin met with healthcare professionals in a private conference room to discuss ways of making Canada's medical system more effective.

"Clearly they are not in favour of further privatization," he said following the meeting. "John [O'Reilly, local MP] and I essentially share that view."

Martin said that the answer to Canada's health woes is cooperation between all levels of government.

"I will be meeting in what I hope to be a marathon and a successful meeting with the provincial premiers and territorial leaders this summer," he said. "And its purpose is to essentially stop the mutual bashing that goes on between the two levels of government and effectively have the Canadian government and the

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Working for minimum wage is humiliating and degrading, Highlands woman says

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Working for minimum wage is "degrading", says Carey, a Highlands resident who was unable to find anything but a minimum wage job last year and quickly discovered it was costing her about as much to get to work as she was making.

Minimum wage was first legislated in 1920 for female employees. In 1966, minimum wage became the standard for both sexes

and for the last nine years it has been frozen at \$6.85. The freeze recently warmed up with an increase to \$7.15. Carey argues that that only puts the hourly rate at what it should have been five years ago. (Carey's name has been changed at her request to protect the identity of the retail store where she works and any embarrassment her colleagues might feel about having their wage discussed.)

"I once owned a small business and would go without myself

before paying anyone minimum wage. It's humiliating. I hear comments all the time about how 'I'm not paid enough' to bother doing a good job. You pay someone poorly long enough and they feel they're no better than that and eventually lose their drive. You get what you pay for," says Carey.

When she started her job it was with the understanding that she'd be paid minimum wage for two to three weeks until a probationary period passed. Three months went by with no raise. She realized some of her colleagues had been working far longer without a raise. Carey is in her early 50s with plenty of experience and labels herself as a hard worker. She insists the experience she brought to the job was worth more. She decided to ask for an increase and quit if she did not get one. Her salary was

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Snowmobile trails closed

Sad news for snowmobilers: the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has closed the trails "indefinitely."

This last week's mild weather has been a boon to folks who love warm weather but it's played havoc with the HCSA trail system, taking down the hefty burden of snow that was once on the trails to nothing but mud in some places.

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MP thrilled by Martin's visit to riding

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provinces come together on an agreement on the overall sustainability and effectiveness of the Canadian system."

When asked how his government will deal with the shortage of doctors in Ontario, Martin said that it is a national issue and there were a number of suggestions discussed.

He cited medical school reform as one solution and said that nurse practitioners should be allowed to take over more tasks to relieve doctors.

O'Reilly echoed Martin's comments.

"It doesn't matter where you go in Canada, there are doctor shortages," he said. "There's a problem with the number of spaces that are available and competition with the United States."

Approximately 188 communities and more than a million residents across Ontario suffer from a lack of family doctors. Local governments are concerned that small rural communities like Minden Hills don't have the resources to compete for doctors.

At a recent council meeting, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney addressed the issue.

"We are in competition for doctors," he said. "They are going to go where they get the best offer. We have to up the ante."

O'Reilly said that the prime minister recently met with Roy Romano to discuss health care issues.

"His question was what changes need to be made to the health care system to not just keep throwing money at it, but to actually make it more user friendly and more efficient," he said. "We talked about the credentials of foreign



Haliburton Victoria Brock MP John O'Reilly was the centre of a media scrum during the Prime Minister's visit to Lindsay this week. O'Reilly said he was excited by Paul Martin's visit, calling him "an old friend."

doctors, we talked about the health practitioners, the people that work in primary health care, the paramedics."

He added that people in the province should be optimistic about the future of health care.

"It's a new era in Ontario. We have a new health minister, we have a new government in Ontario. They are very anxious to talk to the federal government and to set the record straight as far as what health care funding is required and what kind of program is best suited for Ontario."

Despite all the talk of issues, some saw the prime minister's visit to the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding as a way of boosting O'Reilly's chances in the next election.

One media outlet asked if Martin was concerned that the merger of the Alliance and Conservative party will weaken O'Reilly's chance at re-election.

"Any election is difficult but I think there are two factors in this election, one new and one perhaps more constant, that I believe give us an enormous amount of confi-

dence in terms of this riding," he said.

The first is that the Alliance has taken over the traditional conservative party and the choice of voting Conservative no longer exists. The second and more constant factor, he said, is John O'Reilly.

"When you come into a place like Lindsay and you see the popularity of somebody like John O'Reilly you understand that we are a team and we are going to work together," Martin said.

For his part, O'Reilly said he was excited about Martin's visit and called the prime minister an "old friend."

"I think what we have to realize is that there is a breath of fresh air in Ottawa right now," he said. "The doors are open, and the windows are open. Its transparent, its accountable, and its more business-like than I have ever seen. And anyone who doubts that just has to look at the results that the prime minister has brought forward so far."

Ideas from municipalities' conference won't be seen here for a while, reeve says

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

It may be a while before the county sees any results from the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association conference that local municipal officials attended last week, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said.

"It will probably be years before we see any changes based on our discussions," he said.

But Rigney was optimistic about his meeting with Consumer Minister Jim Watson, which he said was a very "thoughtful discussion" regarding fundraising for municipalities.

It has been an ongoing debate ever since the provincial government made it illegal for municipalities to raise

money through gambling activities, such as lotteries or pull tickets. The new law was meant to catch illegal activities and stop abuse of the system, but it has affected small municipalities across the province, Rigney said.

"It forces us to be so darn creative that its ridiculous," he added.

For example, it is illegal for any committee under the municipal umbrella, such as the library or art gallery, to raise money through lotteries.

"At first Minister Watson didn't understand where we were coming from," Rigney said. "But slowly you could see the light come on."

Councillors from across the County met with various Ministers during the four day conference to address issues of concern.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that although she didn't get all her questions answered, the conference was a great experience.

"There was a good feeling there that the two levels of government, the federal and provincial, are starting to work together," she added. "It certainly shows cooperation."



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Council rejects Carnarvon business rezoning

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

After months of debate and public hearings, Minden Hills council rejected William Royal Geddis' application for rezoning of his property in Carnarvon.

For more than 20 years, Geddis operated a sheet metal business on the property and is now looking to sell it to a dock building company. The current designation of rural does not allow for such a business. Although the property is now legal non-conforming, the applicant was asking council to rezone the property with a commercial distinction to make it legal.

A public hearing on the matter was held on January 29 with several neighbours objecting to the request, citing concerns of noise pollution and environmental damage. Council deferred making a decision until the MTO had a chance to examine the property.

A letter from the MTO was received on February 2, stating that the ministry has no objections to the request.

Councillor Clayton Cameron, however, said he is against the rezoning.

"I will not support the by-law," he said, citing the location, the slope of the property and the roadway as reasons for his decision.

John Fedeski, acting on behalf of Geddis, was in attendance hoping to make a presentation to council about a possible amendment that would make the rezoning more satisfactory. Council refused to allow the deputation, saying that it was unconstitutional to allow it without advising concerned parties in advance.

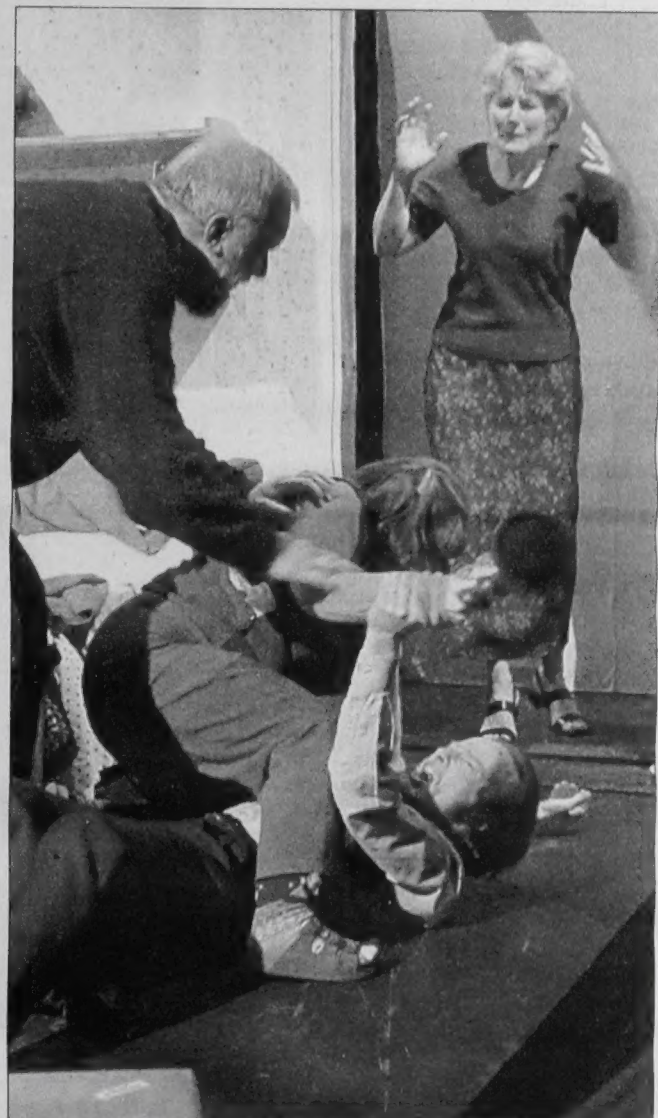
In a 4-2 decision, council voted to turn down the original request, but encouraged Fedeski to reapply with his amendment at a future date. Reeve Rigney and councillor Ingram Wessell voted to allow the rezoning.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Love and war in the bedroom

Three bedrooms, three couples, and lots of reasons to laugh. Tonight and tomorrow, March 5 and 6, Highlands Little Theatre presents the comedy *Bedroom Farce* at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton. In the scene at top, Lianne Joiner and Mike Johnson find a humorous way out of an awkward situation. Above, Peg Flowers and Tim Nicholson get in an argument that carries onto the floor before Jack Brezina and Maureen Johnson step in to intervene, at right. The play, by perennial favourite Alan Ayckbourn, is directed by Donna Gagnon. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door. Curtain rises at 8 p.m..



Gallery expansion receives council's blessing - but not money

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The following are brief notes from last Thursday's council meeting.

Minden Hills councillors agreed to write a letter of support for the gallery expansion and renovation project.

The gallery committee has asked council to support the expansion in principle so it can go ahead with grant applications and fundraising, saying that if council appears hesitant it may have a negative effect on fundraising efforts.

The committee also requested that a new target completion date be set. The SuperBuild grant of \$104,000 was given with the understanding that the project be completed by April 1, 2004. A new timeline needs to be submitted with a request to extend the deadline.

Laurie Carmount, gallery administrator,

said that there is always a chance that the request will be declined and the grant withdrawn.

Council set a new target date of December 1, 2004 for the project completion.

Councillor Ingram Wessell expressed concern that by agreeing to a new date, council is committing to the project - a decision that was deferred until July.

"Doesn't this put council on the hook," he asked.

Reeve Ross Rigney, who voted to support the project last month, said that by backing the expansion in principle and setting a new completion date, council is not committing financially.

All financial commitments in regards to the gallery were deferred until budget.

Doctor shortages

Council voted unanimously to support a 19-point rural health action plan that aims to give rural communities access to better health care.

Reeve Ross Rigney said that he is in support of any group that can help to recruit new doctors.

"We are in competition for physicians," he said.

"They are going to go where they get the best offer."

Councillor Ingram Wessell agreed, saying this is an expenditure that will benefit everyone in the community.

The plan, designed by the NOW (Negotiating Ontario's Well-being) Alliance, not only directly addresses doctor shortages, but also looks at related issues such as medical school tuition,

family medicine, and early exposure of medical students to rural communities.

Since 1996, the number of Ontario communities in need of doctors has risen from 68 to 188, representing about one million residents without access to proper health care.

ATV access allowed

Applause met the council's decision to allow All-Terrain Vehicles access on all municipal roads in Minden Hills.

But not all councillors were in agreement. Councillors Peter Oyler and Ingram Wessell voted against the new by-law.

Oyler was in favour of creating trail links, but not allowing road access.

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch said that if ATVs are allowed only on some municipal roads in the county, policing will be a nightmare.

"People will not know where they are supposed to be," she said.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Minden Hills

Roger Hutchison and his wife Elisabeth have been feeding deer in their Kushog Lake backyard for 10 years.

Izabela Jaroszynski/TIMES



Deer come a-calling when Roger comes a-feeding

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The deer come every morning, sometimes just a few, but usually at least a dozen.

"The most we've counted this year was 22 at one time," Roger Hutchison said.

Along with his wife Elisabeth, Roger

has been feeding the deer every winter since they moved into their Carnarvon home 10 years ago.

"They are beautiful," Elisabeth says as she gazes out her living room window to where the deer are gathered waiting for Roger to bring them their morning meal.

He feeds them a mix of oats and corn, as well as alfalfa sprouts.

The deer usually come right up to the

window, Roger says, but that morning they were shy.

"They sense that something is different," he said, referring to a curious reporter posed with her camera.

But regardless, they are a spectacular sight. Set against a backdrop of maple trees and crisp white snow, the deer munch happily away.

Although it is a wonderful experience to

have the deer come to their home, Roger warns against overfeeding.

"It's meant to be a supplement," he said. "They can become too dependent if you overfeed them."

He also warns against teaching deer to come to a place where they may be in harm's way, such as near a roadway.

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Cross-border billing for ambulances leaves county with shortfall

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County are hammering out problems that Haliburton County is having with payment for ambulance services, social services and childcare.

When the province made ambulance services a county responsibility, there was one stipulation: there had to be seamless service between jurisdictions.

Given the geography, paramedics from Haliburton County provide coverage to northern Kawartha Lakes and the county bills the city accordingly.

However, back in January of 2003, county treasurer Laura Janke had yet to receive a cheque from Kawartha Lakes for paramedic services provided in 2001 and 2002. By rights, and by provincial legislation, Kawartha Lakes owed Haliburton County roughly \$460,000 for the two years of service. She decided to take half the money off the amount that Haliburton County owed Kawartha Lakes for social services and sent the cheque with the reduced amount to Kawartha Lakes.

Eleven months later, she got an urgent e-mail from Kawartha Lakes saying that Kawartha Lakes was not happy with that arrangement and asking Janke to send a cheque for the \$243,000 — even though Kawartha Lakes had yet to pay Haliburton County for the ambulance services.

"The money is there; they're just not letting it go because no one knows how it's supposed to be done," says the county's EMS manager, Bob English.

But if the county does not receive the \$460,000 that it's owed from Kawartha Lakes, that will have a big impact on next year's budget since the revenues have already been factored in.

"Tell them that if they send us a cheque for \$460,000, we'll send them a cheque for \$243,000," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said at county council recently.

The whole system of payment for cross border ambulance service is a real mess, Janke said. The county of Renfrew is suing the city of Ottawa for monies that Ottawa has yet to pay Renfrew for providing ambulance services. Many jurisdictions are waiting to find out how that case is resolved before going to the courts to solve their own problems.

There's a larger issue, as well. The province is supposed to pay for half of the costs of providing ambulance services. However, the province's rates are a few years old and have not kept pace with such things as wage increases. This is also putting stress on the county's ability to pay for ambulance services.

The debate about EMS billing was held in open council. The debate about the social services alliance the county has with Kawartha Lakes was in closed session. There was, however, a motion that came out of the closed session saying that the county "is not prepared to support the recommendation... to enter into a purchase of service agreement for social services, child care and housing to be negotiated annually."

The county prefers to have a joint board of management that maintains the county's political representation.

Waterfront owners band together to fight assessment system

A new Ontario coalition of waterfront associations has been formed to fight an increasing shift of municipal taxes onto waterfront properties.

The Waterfront Residents After Fair Taxation (WRAFT) coalition will bring together cottage and other resident waterfront associations from across Ontario to join the call for a more equitable tax system. Its efforts are strongly supported by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), representing over 500 cottage associations.

"This unfair situation is a hardship for waterfront residents in many parts of the province, and it will take a concerted effort to achieve real change," says WRAFT Executive Director Bob Topp. "Our coalition intends to build upon the work of the Muskoka Fair Tax Coalition, which has lobbied hard for tax relief for cottagers in Muskoka."

At its inaugural Board of Directors' meeting in Toronto, the initial mandate of the coalition was established: to attract membership from cottager and other waterfront associations across Ontario, and to fundraise to pay for additional research, public relations and lobbying efforts with the Ontario government.

Over the past decade the allocation of taxes based on assessment has resulted in an escalating, and apparently, unstoppable waterfront tax burden that bears no rela-

tion to services provided or ability to pay. This problem was first evident on the larger lakes in Muskoka but is now spreading to other parts of Ontario, creating serious financial difficulty for many waterfront residents.

Background

In 2002, the Lake of Bays Association, the Muskoka Lakes Association and the Township of Muskoka Lakes Ratepayers Association formed the Muskoka Fair Tax Coalition to fight for changes to the property tax system in Muskoka. The board also wanted to create a broader coalition to include waterfront associations across Ontario whose members have been affected by this growing shift in taxation onto waterfront properties.

The WRAFT Board of Directors has appointed Bob Topp its Executive Director. Topp has been actively involved in property tax and assessment issues in the District of Muskoka and Seguin Township for over a decade as a director of the Muskoka Lakes Association and past president of the Lake Rosseau North Association. He was a member of the Muskoka Municipal Taxation Task Force, which in the summer of 2002 made a number of recommendations to provide equity in the property tax system.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

An ounce of prevention

HEALTH CARE COSTS continue to rise and governments keep telling us they are hard pressed to find additional funding for health care.

Since prevention is far more cost effective than treatment, it makes perfect sense for governments to invest in proactive programs of prevention than to rely on the reactive treatments or cures of "preventable" ailments.

The Health for Life Program is a prime example of a program that governments should continue to support. In Haliburton County, Health for Life has been gaining in momentum. It is making a difference.

The program focuses on preventing ailments by promoting a healthy lifestyle. That includes healthy eating habits, exercise and discouraging young people from smoking, to name a few.

But the people who are operating the Health for Life Program are uncertain whether or not the federal government will continue its funding. The provincial government is committed to the program, but the provincial share of the costs of running Health for Life is much smaller than the federal share. If federal funding is discontinued or reduced, the program will not be able to operate as effectively, or not at all.

Now is the time to increase funding for programs that focus on prevention. Health for Life focuses on young people and young families. Getting children started on the right track is the key to reducing the cost of health care. Educating young people about the benefits of proper nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices is essential. Both the federal and provincial governments should be investing more in preventative health care maintenance. To even consider decreasing funding for programs such as Health for Life is irresponsible. Spending more on prevention now will realize huge savings in the future.

The proposed Community Health Centre for Minden is another example of an investment governments could make now to realize substantial cost savings in the future. It would direct funding toward prevention since one of the priorities of the proposed centre would be preventative medicine.

If governments don't invest in prevention now, what are the alternatives?

We can foresee a time in the not too distant future where user pay would take on a new meaning. We may see a type of payment in advance for things we do that could result in a strain on the health care system as we suffer the inevitable results of our actions. Since certain behaviors or lifestyles contribute to numerous ailments, governments may impose surtaxes on those who indulge in activities such as smoking. Everyone knows smoking is unhealthy. It contributes to everything from cancer to heart disease and respiratory problems. With that in mind, smokers may be required to contribute to the health care costs associated with their addiction. Just check the box on your income tax form that confirms you are a smoker and the health risks associated with smoking will be factored into the bottom line of your return.

Likewise, those of us who are considered obese could pay a surtax since our physical condition is conducive to such ailments as heart disease and diabetes.

Couch potatoes would not be exempt either. A lethargic lifestyle is an unhealthy lifestyle, so there could be a surtax on inactivity. Excessive use of alcohol or use illicit drugs would result in a medical surcharge, upon conviction of related offenses. There are numerous lifestyle "choices" that could be subject to some sort of medical surcharge. You get the picture.

There is a lot of truth to the old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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On the trails at Haliburton Dog Sled Derby

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Seasonal owners deserve compensation

To the Editor:

Re: Seasonal residents' tax rates

I have read with interest the many letters already published on this subject and would like to offer the following points that I do not feel have been considered.

1) The introduction of market value assessment as the basis for calculating property taxes has had a major impact particularly on owners of waterfront property in the north and will continue to do so as available property becomes more scarce. The majority of these waterfront owners are seasonal. Since seasonal owners utilize roads, parks, libraries, garbage dumps, etc. for at maximum 50 per cent of the year, would it not be reasonable to expect that their taxes be discounted at least some percentage to compensate for

this fact?

2) Many years ago now, the education portion of municipal taxation was added to the seasonal resident. Although it has been said that permanent residents with no children have to pay this tax, if they had children they would be permitted to attend school. On the other hand, the seasonal resident with children is NOT permitted to have their children attend school. In this case, the seasonal resident is in effect paying for nothing, not even an opportunity!

Our elected officials need to recognize and compensate the seasonal residents in some way for these two major differences.

Rich Cooke
Little Boshkung and Hamilton

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Just a boy and his sheep

ALATE-BREAKING news item about the exploits of Australian sheep farmers has me absolutely amazed - and it's not what you're thinking either.

No, I'm talking about two brothers who, along with their herd of prize sheep, have produced what is now officially recognized as the world's finest wool.

How fine? Well, they've measured it at 11.9 microns thick. Translated, that's one-fifth the diameter of a human hair.

As you might imagine, fashion houses in Europe are going wild at the possibility of ultra-fine wool clothing. The bale, valued at about \$750,000 US, is now in a bank vault awaiting auction. Two armed guards watch over it and, suffice it to say, no kittens are ever allowed in the room.

While I'd like to be the first to congratulate these men on the excellence of their accomplishment, I'd also like to go on record as saying that I've produced an

even finer wool, right here at my secret central Ontario sheep farm.

And you are the first to hear about it.

Yes, even though I only occasionally dabble in sheep, I've managed to fabricate a wool that measures 0.0000001 microns in thickness. It's so thin that you can't even see or feel it. Just to give you an idea of how fine that is, we have to shear our sheep under specially modified electron microscopes with Lady Remington electric razors. When it gets in your hip waders, boy does it itch.

In fact, my bales - and I have hundreds of them - are practically invisible and light as air, too. When the great fashion houses of Europe get wind of this, I anticipate that my wool will fetch quite a price on the world market, perhaps millions.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

But it's not about the money.

No, it's about bringing even more pride to this county. You see, I dream of a day when people the world over will say "If you want a fine piece of wool, go to Haliburton County." That's why I'm offering this incredible product to local entrepreneurs for a mere \$25 a bale. Hey, I can always produce more.

A lot of you might ask, "What does a newspaper columnist with access to the Internet and far too much free time on his hands know about breeding sheep?" Or "How does a non-Australian produce wool that fine?"

Well, I began by a concerted breeding program whereby ewes with horrible split ends were mated with balding rams with bad comb-overs. After that it gets highly technical. Let's just say that

twelve generations later, the wool has the same sheen and translucence as the hair on the front of my forehead. (See accompanying photo.)

Is the product good? Well, I've knit a whole set of fine wool clothes for my wife though I still can't get her to model them for me. But, rest assured, each of these bales, can produce hundreds of fine garments and I dream of the day when women all over the county are parading around in clothes made entirely from my fine wool. Believe me, it'll feel like you're wearing nothing at all. In fact, it's clothing fit for an emperor.

In the meantime, let's keep this our little secret - especially from the consumer relations people and law enforcement types. You know how things get complicated the minute government gets involved.

Trust me on this. After all, it's not like I'm trying to pull the wool over your eyes.

Bring out your dead

POOOR BELEAGUERED Britain. Not enough that she suffers from a boggy, dank climate, wretched cuisine, a tragically dysfunctional royal family and a tiresome houseguest named Conrad who Will Not Go Home. Now it turns out she's got too many dead people as well.

Blighty's burial grounds (all 25,000 of them) have been doing a brisk trade for many a moon - in some cases for centuries - and they are pretty much filled to capacity. The boneyards are so overcrowded that the U.K. government is presently mulling over adoption of a burial process known in the trade as "lift and deepen". Sounds like copy for a brassiere ad, but it actually refers to a technique of exhuming coffins already in place and re-burying them at a deeper level. That way, several additional coffins can be stacked on top of them. Kind of a layer-cake approach to interment.

As usual, Britain is opting for a piece-meal solution to the problem instead of thinking outside the box, as it were.

Why not just construct a brand spanking

new Necropolis? An entire city dedicated solely to dead people? It's not exactly an original notion. The state of California did it years ago.

The city's name is Colma. You'll find it about five miles south of San Francisco. Its peaceful ambiance and graceful, tree-lined streets are home to one and a half million souls.

And I mean souls. They're all dead. What's more, they're mostly out-of-towners. The large, space-strapped city of San Francisco has been shipping out its expired burghers to the smaller city of Colma since 1924.

Are there any live people in town? Yes, but only about 1,200, all nervously upbeat (most popular bumper sticker: 'IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE IN COLMA') - as befits a citizenry which finds itself outnumbered more than 100-1 by corpses.

It all started back in 1901 when San

Francisco city fathers, alarmed at the rate their cemeteries were filling up, banned the designation of any new burying grounds within the city limits. Not only that, they began clearing out the cemeteries they did have. Where to put all those exhumed bones?

Oh, how about, say, five miles down the road? That was Colma's destiny determined.

Today, there are 17 burial grounds in Colma as well as five more nestled on the outskirts of town. In addition to non-denominational plots

there are four Jewish cemeteries, also two Chinese, an Italian, a Japanese, a Serbian and a Greek Orthodox

burial ground.

But you don't have to be ethnic to spend eternity in Colma. You don't even have to be solvent. They have a paupers graveyard too.

Colma's underground guest list even includes a couple of celebrities. The

famous gunslinger Wyatt Earp is planted in Colma along with his wife Josephine.

So is George Moscone, the ex-mayor of San Francisco who was offed by a disgruntled employee back in 1978.

Of course, back in 1924, California had a luxury that Great Britain hasn't enjoyed for some time - oodles of wide open spaces. Nowadays the whole world is getting overcrowded and no doubt the day will come when even Colma will be unable to shoe-horn another cadaver into the ground. Perhaps by then we'll have given some sober second thought to the whole barbaric practice of embalming and rouging corpses; of dressing them up and laying them out in opulent, overpriced brass-and-mahogany sarcophagi as if we expected them to rise up and ask for the next dance at any moment.

Besides, the graveside is a little late in the game of life to be expressing our love and devotion to a party who clearly doesn't have much use for it any more.

As Calgary's Bob Edwards said, "Give us the flowers now and you don't need to bring any to our funeral"



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Drivers can help road crews

To the Editor:

It's easy to criticize our municipality for things sometimes justified, sometimes not, for lack of services, taxes etc. But it is nice to recognize and acknowledge when they deserve some recognition. This is evident with the Minden Hills Township road crews. By the end of February most roads have been cleared well back from the shoulders to avoid what winter and spring may bring in runoff and surprise, surprise future attacks by Mother Nature. Sure our taxes are at work, but it is also nice to see the preventative maintenance being applied.

It would also be appreciated by the road crews I'm sure if the locals, cottagers and out-of-towners would use a

little common sense and not park their vehicles at turn-arounds, shoulders and wherever they feel they may, including private drives. Eighteen wheelers can't stop on a dime, neither can the big snow plows turn around on a dime. Come on guys, use a little common sense. Dig out your own space, or do not impede the municipal or emergency vehicles.

Perhaps the township should consider and impose a new warning, tow away and big fine. Maybe, just maybe, some of these offenders will think for a change. All taxpayers are paying for their ignorance. A big thank you to our road crews.

Kim and Bill Redgrave
Minden

Steven Fleenor to return from fighting in Iraq soon

To the Editor:

Just an update letter on our American soldier friend Steven Fleenor.

Steven was promoted to Sergeant in September and is now in charge of a small team of soldiers and their safety. He is still in Mosul, Iraq.

He went to Germany in November to attend a course and have a little rest. He was there until late December. He then returned back to Mosul around the first of the New Year.

The good news is that his unit is starting the process of redeployment to come home. The shipping containers have

arrived and they are making plans on what equipment stays and what goes home. His expected date of return is March 13 but his dad says that the army is about a month behind so his family figures first part of April to mid April.

Steven tells me that he is anxious to get home and especially anxious to come up here to the Haliburton Highlands, his second home.

When I hear more about Steven and how he is doing I will let all the readers of the paper know.

Diane Peacock
Lochlin

Students say thanks for tour of *Times*

Last Tuesday, the students in Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan's Grade 4 students came for a tour of the *Minden Times* as part of their studies on newspapers. Editor Martha Perkins talked with them about how a newspaper is made and then printed a false front page using a picture of them. The paper's welcoming committee included Maggie, a loveable retriever/lab who loves getting attention while her owner, Bill Beers, prepares the paper's flyer distribution. Here are two of their thank you letters.

Dear *Minden Times* and Miss Perkins

Thank you for letting us bring ourselves to the *Minden Times*. It was a blast and we even got to have ourselves on the front page of a fake paper. We have already known lots of information but with your help we learned much more.

Martha, thank you for the tour. It was awesome. Thank you so much. I wonder if I want to be a editor too.

Once again thank you for letting us come.

Sincerely
Katlyn

Izabela Jaroszynski/TIMES



Minden Times Editor Martha Perkins asks the Grade 4 students in Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan's class if they've ever had their picture in the paper during a recent tour of the newspaper office.

Dear *Minden Times* and Miss Perkins

In class we're learning about newspapers and how to put them together. We've

learned about news that's in the week and to use the 5 W's and how. We've also learned about Editorials with facts and opinions. One other thing we've learned is about photos and their captions. Advertising is another thing about newspapers. Oh! Don't let me forget classified ads. We learned this at school on paper without pencil and questions.

Thanks for the papers. We've used them a lot. So far we used them for captions

and to look at lots of ads. The more we learn the more we'll know.

Thanks for the tour. Also all the people! I didn't know about *The Minden Times* having a dog in it. Things have changed when I was in grade 1. Anyway thanks for the speech.

Thankyou to everyone who helped with our questions.

Sincerely Rebecca Ridsdale

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You are invited to an initial meeting on March 23rd (time and place to be determined) to learn about the Hospice Program and to gain insight from an expert about successful fundraising strategies. Time commitment after this meeting will depend on the plan that is developed by the Committee.

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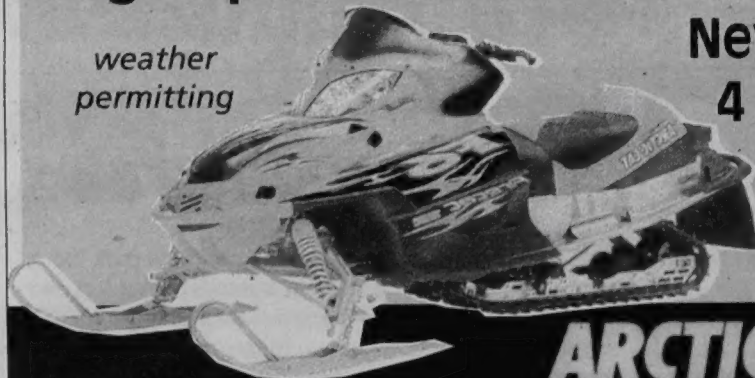
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Township welcomes its new building official

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

When Jim Moore retired from his position as chief building official for Algonquin Highlands, council didn't have to look far for his replacement.

Having worked in the industry for nearly 14 years, and in the county since May, 34-year-old Don Kidd knows the job perfectly.

"He has certainly done a great job," CAO Gerald Bain said at a recent council meeting, referring to Kidd's recent role as Moore's assistant.

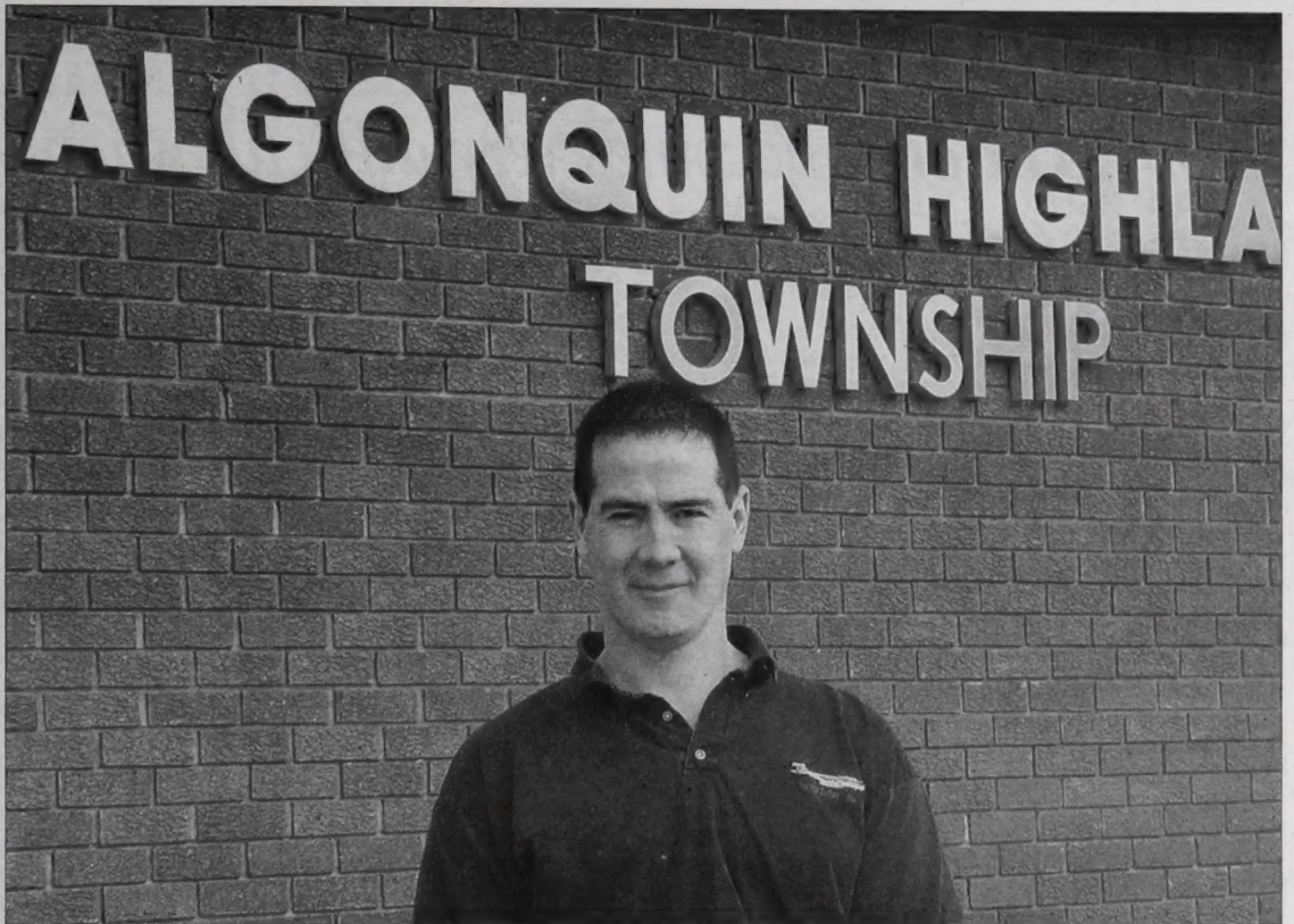
Council agreed with Bain, unanimously voting Kidd in as the new CBO and the new by-law enforcement officer.

Kidd sees the size of the township as the greatest obstacle to doing his job.

"It's a large area," he said. "I have to travel a lot, which is time-consuming."

As the only person in the building department, Kidd has to do both field work and paperwork.

Izabela Jaroszynski/TIMES



Don Kidd has taken over Algonquin Highlands' building department duties from James Moore. The biggest challenge he faces is the size of the municipality. He must travel to every building site several times during the construction process.

"Juggling all these different functions, co-ordinating them, is the most difficult part of the job," he said.

Kidd comes into the job in the midst of major changes to the building code act. By July 2005, all CBOs in Ontario will have to be re-certified.

Kidd, who received his Architectural Technology diploma from Centennial

College, believes the re-certification is a good idea because "there are a lot of people who aren't qualified." But he expressed frustration that the Ministry of Housing has failed to recognize those that are properly trained.

"They should have given more consideration to our existing qualifications," he said.

After so many years in the field, Kidd says his new appointment doesn't hold a lot of surprises.

"I know the job so well," he laughs.

But the thrill of seeing new buildings being constructed still exists for him.

"I love construction," he said. "I love talking to those in the business and helping them solve problems."

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'Even if you're the best parent ever, raising children becomes very difficult when you don't know where your next meal is coming from' — Alex Hukowich

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raised to \$8 an hour.

"If I had needed to work to put food on the table I couldn't have done it on minimum wage. It's no wonder kids can't afford to get places of their own. So many people will say you could look harder or work harder to get a better job but I don't have computer skills and there aren't that many jobs here," says Carey.

Her job was not full-time; few jobs in Haliburton County are, says Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services. She says Census statistics clearly show jobs in Haliburton County are largely seasonal or part-time. Martin's comment on the 30-cent minimum wage increase is that it is "better than a kick in the head but not enough to live on."

So what does a minimum wage job pay for? Presuming a job is for 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, at \$7.15 an hour you'd earn a gross income of \$14,872. Subtract 22 per cent for provincial and federal income tax, 4.95 per cent for Canada Pension Plan Contributions and 2.1 per cent for an Employment Insurance Premium and that would leave approximately \$10,553 dollars as a net salary.

In Haliburton County, the HKPR Health Unit's Cost of Healthy Eating suggests it costs a single woman between the ages of 50 and 74 about \$27.82 a week for groceries or \$1,446 a year. The report is based on 66 food items frequently purchased by Canadians that do not include specialty foods for diabetics or for other special diet needs such as being lactose intolerant.

The report also says that the average one-bedroom apartment in Haliburton County costs \$500/month for rent or \$6,000 a year. That net salary has now dropped to \$3,107 a year. Now estimating that a basic telephone service without call answer or other services would cost about \$30 a month then subtract another \$360 out of that net.

Then factor in what Carey discovered is the real bank breaker - driving to work. Carey drives 35km from Halls Lake to Haliburton. The provincial government has deemed the cost of driving - including gas, car maintenance and insurance - to be .38/km, a rate paid to several local government agencies' such as the Ministry of Natural Resources, Health Unit and social services. For Carey .38/km would equal \$26.60 a day for her to make a round from home to work and back; so calculate five days a week, 52 weeks a year and the cost to drive to work would be \$6,916.

Getting back to the coins and bills left jiggling around in

that net salary after the above-mentioned expenses, Carey would find herself \$4,169 in debt. She would also find she has not bought any toothpaste, deodorant, laundry soap, clothes or paid for any extra utilities such as Hydro. There would also be nothing left to buy birthday or Christmas presents for her two sons. She could only pray she did not get sick, need glasses or dental work because Carey's minimum wage job has no medical/health benefits.

Luckily for Carey her husband has a job that pays for the majority of their household expenses.

How many people in Haliburton County are not so lucky? The 1996 Census suggests 75.7 per cent of households here are earning under \$30,000 a year. A fact sheet called Caring For Our Children produced by the HKPR Health Unit and released in November 2003 says 19 per cent of families in Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and Northumberland Counties live in poverty. Dr. Alex Hukowich, former Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit, said the average salary for a two-person family unit working for minimum wage in this district is \$17,478 in urban areas and only \$15,215 in rural areas. The Health Unit estimates the cost of feeding an average family of four is \$5,300 a year.

"Poverty is a sizeable problem in our area," says Hukowich. "Even if you're the best parent ever, raising children becomes very difficult when you don't know where your family's next meal is coming from, whether your job is secure or who will look after your son or daughter while you're at work."

He had been lobbying the government to raise the minimum wage because he says poverty, employment and access to affordable child care are important factors in the healthy development of children. Martin says that at Family Services they see the negative results of those factors and she does not believe the provincial government's plan to phase in a gradual raise in the minimum wage to \$8/hr over the next four years will solve the problem.

"In our community the hourly rate is not as important as permanency. We need to look at improving the quality of jobs here. It's a myth that it's cheaper to live here; the heating costs are way up and so is insurance and a car is essential to life here," says Martin. "Naysayers believe everyone is making more money than they're reporting but only people who are desperate work under the table because there are no benefits, no workman's compensation, no security. They do it because there is nothing else available."

Haliburton is a microcosm of a widening rich/poor gap in Ontario. Statistics Canada reports that between 1984 and 1999 the number of low-income families with no financial wealth or assets grew and in 2002 three-quarters of those

families (if they did not own their own business) had less than \$3,800 in assets that could be liquidated.

Belinda Sutton, Ontario Ministry of Labour spokesperson, says the McGuinty government is addressing the problem by raising the minimum wage. She said that the clear commitment to raise minimum wage to \$8/hr equally distributes the costs to employers.

"This is a balanced and fair approach to Ontario's small business owners," says Sutton.

She says the government's response to criticism that the increase is not enough is that the phased-in approach will help keep "vulnerable employers from falling behind." She added they have a mandate to keep Ontario business strong and viable.

Press releases from the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Canadian Labour Congress and the National Democratic Party say the increase is not enough and they are lobbying for a \$10/hr minimum wage. The highest minimum wage is currently in Nunavut at \$8.50/hr. The labour federation argues that inflation has risen by 15 per cent since 1995 and rent is up on average by 40 per cent.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses says the pay raise is manageable. An informal survey of local businesses generated a mixed reaction. Those who said they would be feeling the pinch indicated it would be hardest in the summer when students are hired. Minimum wage for students went from \$6.40/hr to \$6.70/hr.

"We can't just absorb [the minimum wage increase.] It will have to be passed on," said Blake Frazier, vice-president and general manager of Kawartha Dairy.

Restaurants reported that it might mean a dent in profits because most are operating on a skeleton crew now and cannot afford to cut staff.

"It's going to affect bottom lines for sure... We'll have to compensate, raise prices somehow," says Greg Turner, Peppermill Restaurant owner.

Resort owners fall under different rules if they provide accommodation to staff. Lisa Moore, Delta Pinestone's human resources manager, says only their food and beverage servers would be affected by the increase and that increase represents about \$20,000 more for payroll. There were 21 people last year working for minimum wage at the Pinestone. She says Delta Pinestone's payroll altogether is about \$2 million and food and beverage servers account for less than half. Moore says the Delta Pinestone will not sacrifice service by cutting staff so will be absorbing the increase.

The retail store owners did not seem to be as concerned although some did suggest the impact of an increased minimum wage might mean more students under the age of 18 being hired. Some store owners such as Paul Heffer at the Minden Pharmasave and Andy Glecoff at Haliburton's V&S commented that a raise in minimum wage is over due. Glecoff, president of the Haliburton Business Improvement Association, says there does not seem to be much buzz about the issue amongst business owners and says it's a "non-issue" for most. He did suggest it might become an issue if the economy continues to grow at 2.5 per cent but the minimum wage continues to rise by about four per cent a year but he doubts an impact will be seen until 2006/7.

— WITH FILES FROM MATTHEW WALLS



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Healthy lifestyle goes long way towards disease prevention

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Health for Life puts the emphasis on the proactive approach, by encouraging healthy living thereby preventing some illnesses from happening, the Director of Community Health Services told the February meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board on Thursday, February 26.

Beth Archibald said positive lifestyle changes can go a long way toward preventing heart disease, diabetes and some types of cancer. "Healthy eating habits, active living [exercise] and a smoke free environment will help people live longer and contribute to a better quality of life," she said.

Archibald said the program is gaining in momentum and several partners are on side. She said Trillium Lakelands District School Board is a partner.

Dr. Bob Heyes was critical of the school board's decision to reduce physical education. "It's an oxymoron to have Trillium Lakelands District School Board as a partner if it is cutting physical education," he said.

In the school board's defense, Archibald pointed out that it is facing challenges and is trying to do the best it can with the funding that is available.

It was noted that child obesity is a real problem. Archibald said the child obesity statistics are alarming. She noted that Health for Life focuses on youth and young families. "We hope to reach young people," she said.

Archibald said she is concerned that the federal government has not yet made a commitment to continue funding the program. It has been jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments. "We would like to know by the end of March if money will be available," she said.

HHHS Board member Marg Cox sug-

gested contacting MP John O'Reilly and MPP Laurie Scott and asking for continued support for this valuable program.

Mock Emergency Evacuation

Plans are well underway for the mock evacuation of patients from medical facilities in Haliburton and Minden. The Haliburton evacuation is scheduled for April 22 at 10 a.m. and the Minden event will be held on April 28.

HHHS Manager of Environmental Services Peter Fearrey outlined for the Board the procedures and the participants in the exercise.

The mock evacuation exercises are a requirement of the provincial government.

Emergency services across the county will take part, including fire departments in Minden and Haliburton, Emergency Medical Services (ambulance) and the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. Other community partners will also assist. Laidlaw Transport, Churko Furniture in Haliburton, Riverview Furniture in Minden, Halcom Communications and the Haliburton Drama Club will be providing services or equipment.

"The police, Ambulance and Fire Departments are taking it very seriously," Fearrey said.

Observers will record and evaluate the responses and make recommendations on how to improve the procedures.

The evacuation of the Haliburton facility will be to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Minden evacuation will be to the Minden Community Centre.

HHHS CEO Keith Sansford said he would like to know how many board members would be able to attend to observe.

Board member Jeanne Anthon suggested the local amateur radio clubs could be contacted to assist with communications.

She said they have been very helpful with other community events.

HHHS Board Chair Dick Charron encouraged all board members to attend. "I hop most of you can attend," he said. "It will be very educational."

Mental health services to be cut

A draft budget for mental health services was rejected by the Ministry of Health because it was not a balanced budget. A revised, balanced budget was prepared by the Stewardship and Resources Committee of HHHS and presented to the board or approval.

"The ministry insisted on a balanced budget," said Stewardship and Resources Committee Chair Jeanne Anthon. "We will include a notation that significant staffing or service cuts will be necessary."

Anthon noted that the mental health care budget has not been enhanced since it as started.

It was pointed out that mental health services are vital to the community and should be given more priority.

"It's been 10 years and it's time for the government to put money into the mental health program."

Cathy Outram, the HHHS Chief Financial Officer, explained that salaries and expenses have increased without any corresponding increase in funding.

HHHS CEO Keith Sansford explained that each sector has to fight for its own share of the funding pie. He said the only positive step that has been taken is the implementation of a toll-free telephone number. He noted that the help line is the only government commitment.

The program is in jeopardy of staff or service cuts, or both, if increased funding isn't provided.

Dr. Bob Heyes was concerned for the future of the mental health program. "We shouldn't allow the program to be lost."

Home Support asks for more money

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

In order to provide adequate services to its members, Haliburton County Home Support Services needs more funding from municipalities, Minden Hills council heard last Thursday.

Home Support is a non-profit organization that provides services to seniors and physically disabled adults.

Since 1996, Minden Hills has annually donated \$1,500 to help supplement the organization's costs. But with rising costs and an increase in patients, home support staff worry that it's not enough.

"The services in highest demand are also the ones that feel the pinch when budgets stretched to the limit can no longer cover costs," executive director Donna Pacey-MacDonald told council. "Herein lies one of the biggest challenges: providing excellent client service to meet the needs of the community while managing programs and services within a shrinking budget, strained from years of insufficient funding."

Minden Hills donates the lowest per client amount of all the municipalities.

With Home Support providing 10 different types of services to 318 residents of Minden Hills, it works out to just over \$4.50 per patient.

While Algonquin Highlands seemingly contributes the least, only \$1,000 a year, it actually leads the way with its per client amount: \$19.61 per person.

Councillor Peter Oyler was concerned that the organization was turning to the municipality because the province isn't giving it enough money. "Is it fair to say that you are requesting higher levels of funding from municipalities and other sources because the province is lagging behind," he asked.

"Partly yes," Pacey-MacDonald said, but added that costs for all services have gone up and Minden Hills' contribution has remained stagnant.

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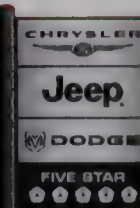


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Derby winners take home prizes for next fishing trip

The Minden Hills Fire Department hosted a fish derby on Sunday, February 28.

The first place prize went to Jack Harrison, whose 2.1-pound fish won him a gas-powered pressure washer donated by Minden Hills Rent All. Chris Robinson came second with his 1.7-pound catch. He won a gas-powered auger donated by Minden Home Hardware. The third place prize, a mini TV, donated by Minden CIBC, went to Cole Stamp.

Norm and Tom Perrott had the top bid for the fish hut in the

silent auction.

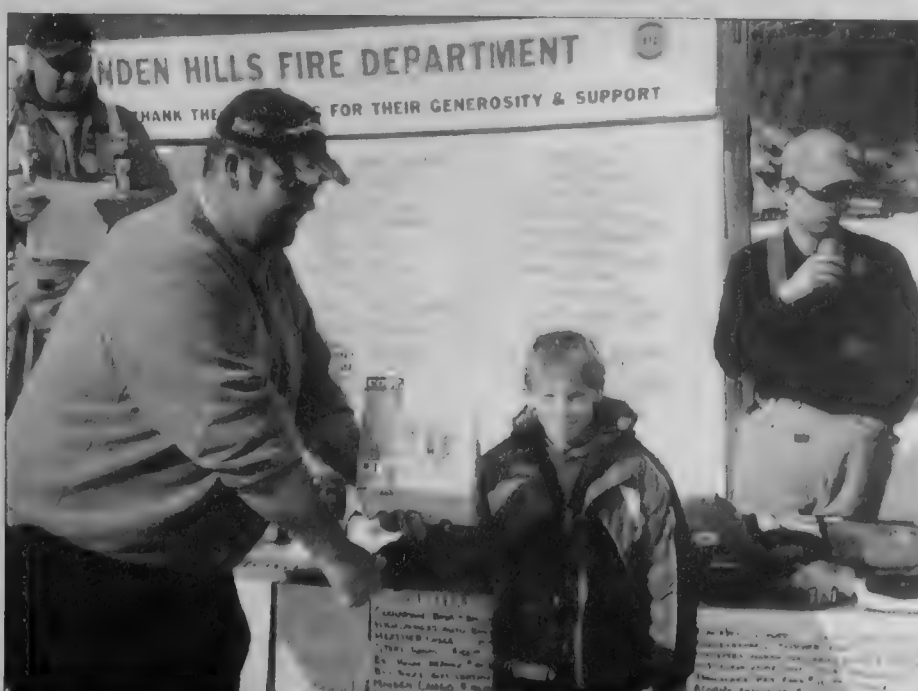
The derby's other winners, in order of ranking are: Dwane Lewis, 1.3 lbs; Jenny Perrott, 1.2 lbs; Nicole Lyddiatt, 1.2 lbs; Scott Bird, 1.1 lbs; Pat Soulliere, 1.1 lbs; Mike Toye, 1.1 lbs; Phil Jung, 1.0 lbs; Lo-Anne Harrison, 1.0 lbs; Gerald Brown, 1.0 lbs; Jeff Harrison, 0.9 lbs; Rod Upton, 0.7 lbs; Ian Minto, 0.6 lbs; Brian Miscio, 0.5 lbs; Larry Little, 0.3 lbs; Julian Fuhr, 0.3 lbs; Kirk Smith, 0.3 lbs; McKye Shaw, 0.2 lbs; Mary Colman, 0.2 lbs; Justin Bull, 0.1 lbs; Lea Anderson, 0.1.



Greg Stamp presented the first place prize in the Minden Hills Fire Department fish derby to Jack Harrison. Jack was pleased to accept a gas powered pressure washer, donated by Minden Hills Rent All.



Chris Robinson is being congratulated for his second place prize, a gas-powered ice auger, donated by Minden Home Hardware and presented by Myles Gartshore on behalf of the Fire Department.



Minden Hills Fire Department representative Tom Prentice is seen here presenting the third place prize to Cole Stamp. Cole took home a mini TV donated by the Minden CIBC.

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Minden enjoys a night of winter fun

by MERIKE KALM
Special to the Times

Nine teams put their chili to the test at the Minden Winter Fun Fair on February 28. Given the incredibly difficult job of judging which recipe was the best were Reeve Ross Rigney, Gord Monk and Dr. Andy Hackett.

The first prize went to the Kinsmen's Gord Barter; the second prize went Minden Timbersport's Bob Patten; and the third prize was won by the Minden Horticultural Society, cooked by Susan Sheehan, Rose Palawoda, Pam Manser,

and Pauline Plooard.

Other contestants included the Bahais, Mary Minto of the Haliburton County Fair, the Moore girls, and Rotarians Ed Pergolas, Jeanne Anthon and Kathleen Lang.

It was a highly successful event! Sparky from the Minden Firefighters amused the children, even after the firefighters were called away to a more important event (a truck fire). The very large blazing bonfire was warm, cheerful and welcoming and there was a line-up for the hot dogs and hot chocolate provided free of charge by Minden Hills and served by the Kinsmen ladies and the Rotarians.



After an evening of tobogganing, Haley Acorn, Holly Wu, and Lauren Devolin try to keep warm as they enjoy a cup of complimentary hot chocolate on Saturday.



Third place winners from the chili contest Susan Sheehan, Rose Palawoda, Pam Manser, and Pauline Plooard represented the Minden Horticultural Society.



Sebastian Mocny came all the way from Brampton, Ontario to enjoy a fun ride down the hill in the Minden Fairgrounds on a crazy carpet.



Chili contest first prize winner, Kinsmen's Gord Barter, proudly shows off his award for the cameras. Below, he shares with readers the simple recipe for his delicious chili.

First Place Chili Recipe

2 28oz cans plum tomatoes
2 14oz cans dark kidney beans
400 grams ground turkey, or pork or veal. (Veal the best choice.)
1 600 grams, ground lean beef
2 lbs cube venison (deer meat)
2-3 tablespoons honey.
1 each green pepper, large onion finely diced. (You can add red and yellow peppers for appearance)
7 cloves garlic
2 med. carrots
Chili powder to desired taste.

Take 2 cans of tomatoes, place in large pot bring to simmer, add chili powder. While waiting, fry meat and venison and drain fat. Once tomatoes have cooked for a while use potatoe masher and break up tomatoes, add meat and veggies and honey to taste. Add kidney beans during the last 2 hours of cooking. (Gord Barter usually cooks on low heat for 10-12 hours. During this time taste for any needed salt, pepper or hot sauce.)



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Thursday Afternoon League February 26

High average: Merv Bunker, 208; Bernice Gilles 177
 High single: Merv Bunker; Pearl Foster 195
 High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 286; Dee Maclean 274
 High triple: Merv Bunker 624; Bernice Gilles 531
 High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 760; Dee Maclean 712

Tuesday Afternoon League March 2

High avg.: Ken Thompson 216; Jean Pugh/Lillian Mattsson 178
 High single: John Pugh 258; Lillian Mattsson 229
 High single (handicap): John Pugh 288; Lillian Mattsson 267
 High triple: John Pugh 673; Lillian Mattsson 557
 High triple (handicap): John Pugh 763; Lillian Mattsson 671

Wednesday Afternoon League March 3

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Jean Pugh 174
 High single: Ken Thompson 286; Jean Pugh 266
 High single (handicap): Doug Vaughan 309; Jean Pugh 307
 High triple: Ken Thompson 704; Jean Pugh 645
 High triple (handicap): Doug Vaughan 778; Jean Pugh 768

MINDEN LANES

Bowling News

Legion 636 Mixed League March 1

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 187; Leitha Stearns 148
 High single: Bob Vankoughnet 308; June Anderson 176
 High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 662; Leitha Stearns 440
 High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 339; June Anderson 244
 High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 755; Marie Dennie 653

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Skateboard park moving ahead

It was standing room only at the former Somerville Township office in Kinmount for the first meeting of a committee which has been set up to establish a skateboard park in Kinmount.

The committee is headed by Lynne Kilby and Susan Dier. Kilby said they were overwhelmed by the community's response. A total of 38 people turned out.

The committee already has a name chosen for the park. It is in honour of a young Kinmount area hockey player who died in an accident on the way to a hockey game last fall.

The facility will be called the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park.

A location has yet to be found, but Kilby said "We would like to build the skateboard park on City of Kawartha Lakes property if possible for insurance purposes. We are looking into all aspects."

The goal is to provide a facility for the youth of the Kinmount area. "We'd like to make it happen for the

kids here," she said.

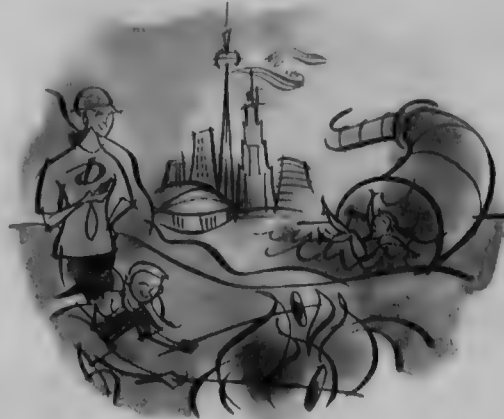
The committee will meet on the third Monday of each month at the former Somerville Township office, above the library. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in a Kinmount skateboard park is invited to attend, including teens and pre-teens, Kilby said. "We need to find out what the kids want for equipment," she said.

Kilby noted that the committee will be looking for assistance from youth of the community when it comes to working on the facility. She said high school students will be able to count the time they spend helping with the project as hours toward their community service requirements.

A website has been established to keep people informed about the progress of the project and the dates and times of meetings. The site is: www.geocities.com/kinmount_skateboard_park.

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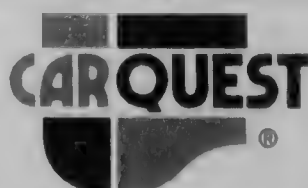
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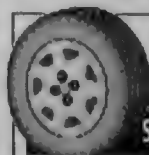
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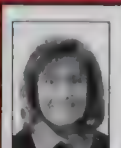
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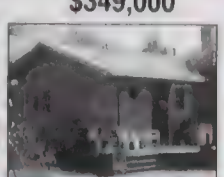
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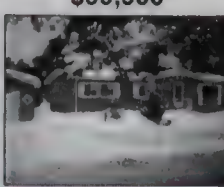


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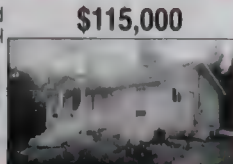
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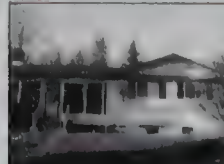
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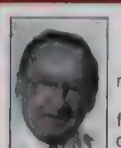
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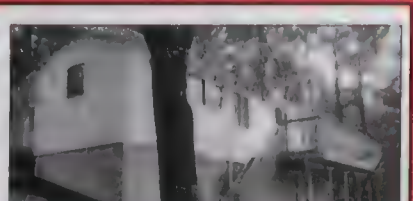
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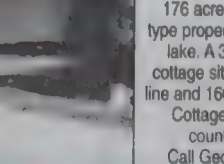
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Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*

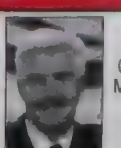
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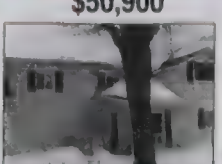
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Ted Vasey*

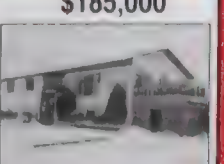
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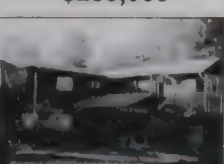
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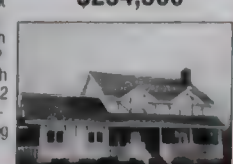
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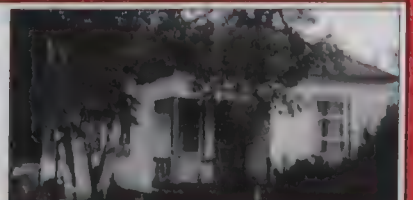
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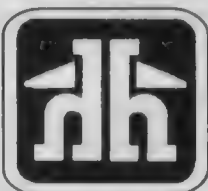
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An Archie Stouffer player tries to land one in the net, but can't beat the OPP goalie in a fun-filled game at the Minden arena last Friday. The Grade 8 students take on the police every year as a way of fostering good relations between the two groups. The OPP didn't cut their young opponents any slack, though. The men in blue won the game 7-6.

Izabela Jaroszynski/TIMES



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Wacky, puppet-filled revival rolling into town



The Razzamataz Kids' Shows mascot Razzy the Orangutan was at the Minden branch of TD Canada Trust recently as the bank presented a cheque for \$500 toward the cost of the costume, which was made by Sennit Puppets. Branch Manager Larry Joyce presents a cheque, via Razzy, to Stacey Bennett of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows.

Razzamataz Kids Show announces third show

Razzamataz Kids Shows announces its third show of the season, a wacky puppet-filled revival of the great old travelling snake-oil salesman shows. On Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Join Hands Puppeteers will present, "Colonel W.D. Quackhorn's Extraordinary Travelling Medicine Show."

The Colonel is a big bold character (who resembles that famous chicken-selling colonel). He is expounding the virtues of his wonderful elixir, which he promises to sell to the audience at the end of the show. His side-kick is a monkey, who will somehow grow to 200 pounds during part of the show. We will also see the Wild Giant Grasshoppers of Borneo who dance the can-can, the Singing Catfish who can't say the letter "s" without spitting, the Largest Egg in the World which will hatch before

your very eyes, and an Exotic Plant who does a really decent James Brown impersonation. But when the end of the show arrives, the Colonel discovers that the monkey has used up all the elixir... but somehow the audience feels invigorated, rejuvenated and revitalized anyway.

You can see one-minute videos of the production at the Join Hands Puppeteers website, www.kmprod.com. This performance is sponsored by Curry Motors and Haliburton Rotary. Look for our new mascot Razzy the Orangutan, who will be greeting children and parents in the lobby before the show. We are starting to plan next season now, and hope to have the Early Bird brochures available soon.

Tickets for the performance are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and are available at the door. Children under 2 are always free. For more information, call Amy Klose at 457-4266. Spring is in the

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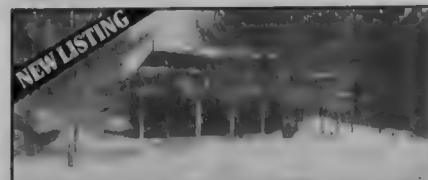
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Writers' and Editors' Network invites everyone to breakfast

Guest speaker enjoyed an exotic working life

Spring is in the air. The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network will be celebrating the arrival of Spring at its bi-monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 20 by warmly welcoming guest speaker, Reg Holloway, a retired journalist, writer and member of the British foreign service.

Holloway, who retired to the Kawartha/Haliburton area 10 years ago, was apprenticed to a local newspaper in England in 1947, when he was 14. He spent six years training to be a reporter/photographer. After two years' national service with the Royal Air Force, he returned to newspapers where he met his wife, Anna, an apprentice on a rival publication. They went to East Africa in 1958 where they worked for the East African Standard group in Nairobi, Mombasa and Dar es Salaam.

Holloway became a press officer with the Tanganyika government and in 1963 he was recruited into the British foreign service. Three-to-four-year postings followed in British Guiana

(Guyana), Malta, Nepal, Canada, Hong Kong and the United States. He was the British Consul General for the south-western US and the US Pacific islands, based in Los Angeles, when he retired in 1992.

The Holloways moved to Canada in 1993 and started a company in Toronto advising on business between China, Canada and the United States. Holloway was the Chairman of the Canadian Urban Institute for several years (and remains on the board). After Toronto, the Holloways grew trees in the Kawarths and Reg helped write a millennium book on the history of Burnt River. They now live on Mountain Lake in Minden.

Two years ago they wrote a family history for their grandchildren. Holloway's main hobby is the collection and restoration of old cameras. He has just finished the first draft of a book on the history of press cameras that will be illustrated from his own collection.

Anna's interests are artistic – principally painting, needle-work, stained

glass – and horticultural. She is a master gardener. Both have helped with the Minden flower show for several years and Anna will be one of the convenors of the 2004 event.

The breakfast will be held in the Kinmount Room at The Delta Pinestone Resort commencing at 9:30 a.m. Reservations are required by Wednesday, March 17. Please call Marjorie Green at 286-2592. The cost is \$13 for members and \$16 for non-members. Memberships will be available at the door.

A table will be provided for writers' business cards, brochures, or literature for distribution. Authors may bring books for sale and do signings at the end of the presentation. If you wish to receive information or notices of upcoming events, or if you are unable to attend and would like an announcement made, contact Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 or E-mail her at bpjohnson@simpatico.ca.

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

February weather

by PHIL GRAHAM
Times staff

February was a short month and seemed to have passed in a short time as well. The first twenty days were cold and also accounted for most of the snowfall. The last ten days of the month were perfect winter weather, quite cold nights with sunny, warm days, much like March weather.

The average temperature was -7.8°C , four degrees warmer than last February. There was no rain during the month and 40 cm of snow was much less precipitation than last February.

Average high: -0.3°C , 31.4°F
Average low: -13.8°C , 7.1°F

Average for the month: -7.5°C , 18.5°F

Average for last February: -11.8°C , 10.7°F

Highest temperature: Feb. 29 11°C 51.8°F

Lowest temperature: Feb. 15 -32.5°C , -26.5°F

Rain: 0 mm, 0 in

Snow: 40 cm, 15.7 in

Total precipitation: 40 mm, 1.5 in

Total precipitation for last February: 87.0 mm, 3.4 in

Snow on ground: Feb. 29: 37 cm, 14 in

Snow on ground last Feb. 28: 66 cm, 25 in

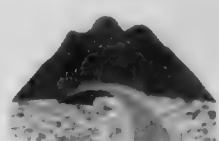
Total snowfall Nov 1 to Feb. 29: 142 cm, 60 in

Days mostly sunny: 16

Days with snow or rain: 10

Days with thunderstorms: 0

Days with freezing rain: 0



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: March 25, 2004
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office
(Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario
Applicant: GRAHAM: Ruby, Norman and Neil
RZ-03-10

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

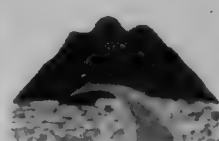
The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 3-78 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 21 and Part of Lot 22, Concession 14, in the Geographic Township of Snowdon from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Extraction Industrial (MX) Zone. The purpose of this amendment is to rezone approximately 30 acres of land to permit gravel extraction.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the applications. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Planning Administrator.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department located at the former Lutterworth Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Date of this Notice: March 5, 2004
(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator



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7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario
Applicant: TORIBROOKE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
File No. RZ-04-01

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 86-26 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 13, in the Geographic Township of Minden from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Carnarvon Commercial C-5 Exception Fifty-Two (C5*52) Zone. This zoning amendment would permit the construction of four self-storage buildings in two phases. The development may also contain a boat storage facility.

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Location: Part Lot 14,
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Worldly journalist visits writer's meeting

Reg Holloway at Pinestone March 20



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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When I began writing this column for the *Times* back in December 2001 one of the first friends whose good counsel I sought was Reg Holloway. How fortunate will be his audience at the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Delta Pinestone Resort, Haliburton.

Reg began his career as a journalist and writer before joining the British foreign service in 1963 which led to postings around the world. He retired in 1992 from his last position as the British Consul General for the southwestern U.S. and the U.S. Pacific Islands based in Los Angeles. Of local note Reg helped write a millennium book on the history of Burnt River. He and his wife Anna now live on Mountain Lake in Minden and remain actively involved in their community.

I still smile, remembering his advice to normally get the most important facts correct and up front, such as date, time and location. He then recounted an anecdote about a cub reporter writing the funeral notice for a prominent town lady. The young man diligently followed Reg's instructions on the proper order of essential information, neglecting to mention until the end of his piece that this unfortunate lady had been eaten by a lion.

The next regular meeting of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. at the Galway Community Centre on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. until noon is open to all residents, both permanent and seasonal, in the Galway area.



Reg Holloway

This is a great opportunity to keep up to date on the issues and happenings in our area so do come out and bring along your neighbour.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance complete with a corn beef and cabbage supper at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$15 and will sell quickly so, Irish or not, for more information give the Legion a call at 286-4541.

The Haliburton 50+ Club extends an invitation to its last meeting for this season on Thursday, March 18th at the Haliburton Legion Hall. There will be a Pot Luck Supper so please bring along your favourite dishes. Following dinner there will be the annual election of officers then a book sale and a "Beetle Drive. If you don't know what that is, do come along and find out. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. If attending please let Mary or Brian at 754-3319, know by Tuesday, March 16.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, February 25 bid euchre at Stanhope: A shower of single moonshots rained down on Jack Cox, Marcel Roussel, Dick Coffey, Dwaine Lloyd, Marion Hill and Alf Helleman with Mary Pearson taking two. Mary also led the pinks at 333 followed by Jean Scadden 298 and Sharon Evans 294 while Dick Coffey had the high score for the white cards at 316 with John Grimbergen 312 second and Jack Cox 299 third.

Wednesday, February 25 duplicate bridge at Parklane: First in North/South at 59% were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher with Margo Davidson and Doug McIntosh second at 54%. For East/West the winners were Grace Boice and Ev

Morgan at 57% then Pat Hannah partnered with Kelly Metcalf 54%.

Wednesday, February 25 Kinmount Seniors euchre: For the ladies Mary Wilkins was high and Emily Harvie low with Bill St. Thomas topping the charts for the gents and Roger Fournier recording the low. On the luck of the draw Mildred St. Thomas took most lone hands and Adam Freeman the special prize.

Thursday, February 26 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the most lone hands column it was Pearl Cowen for the ladies and Kevin Maloney for the men. High scores ladies and gents went to Helen Luffman and Donald Lee while May Bradbury and Tom Orr tallied up the lows. Other prizes were won by Theresa Deak, Laura Carnegie, Verna McDonald and Gala Stamp who took two.

Friday, February 27 bid euchre at Club 35: Colleen Davison, Tom Orr and Jean Scadden made up the "Moonshot Trio" with Jean also heading up the pinks at 313. Sharon Evans 276 was next in line then Pearl Cowen 269 third. Leading the white cards was Tom Pearson 324 followed by Rob Evans 296 and Tom Orr 267 with Garth Windsor, Alvin Cowen and Colleen Davison tied for the hidden score honours.

Friday, February 27 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Playing the Howell System it was Muriel and Doug McIntosh first at 62% then Jim Aikman and Harold Cox second at 54% and Mayme Douglas partnered with Mike Collins third with 52%.

Friday, February 27 euchre at Staunworth Court: June Branning reports that Ruth Kellett had the high score with Doreen Francis holding the most lone hands. For low hand it was Helen Skelding while Norm Lee and Doreen Francis were the lucky draw winners.

Saturday, February 28 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Leading was Elva Paisley 346 with Don Burch 284 second and Kay Naylor 282 a close third. Draw winners were Gala Stamp, Verna McDonald and Mildred St. Thomas while Pat Scadden, Edith Burch, Pearl Cowen, Kay Naylor, Don Burch and Margaret Fletcher took the moonshots.

Monday, March 1 euchre at Club 35: High score holders ladies/men were Mary Pearson and Léroy Mowat while Jean Dutka and Alvin Cowen recorded the evening's lows. Cliff Davison took the lone hand honours with Pearl Kernohan and Ray Sisson awarded the special prizes and Kay Orr taking home the baloney.

Monday, March 1 euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Elaine Yeo reports a full house with Martha Harding winning for high hands, Doreen Francis for lone

hands and Helen Skelding for low hands. The special prize went to Lorna Bridgeman who joined everyone in welcoming Perry Peacock back again this week.

Monday, March 1 euchre at St. Paul's Anglican Church: In the lone hands department it was Marion Stickwood for the ladies and Bill Mosley for the gents. Recording the afternoon's highs were Jeanne Keliele and Don Hicks with the lows tallied by Betty Sharpe and Helen Cox who also was paid a visit by the striped critter. Pearl Cowen uncovered the hidden score while Kay Orr and Fern Donnelly took the draws.

Monday, March 1 cribbage at the Minden Legion: First place went to Jean Scadden with Margaret Albers second, Elva Paisley third and Sharon Evans fourth. The other prize winners were Gwen Cox, Rob Evans, Mary McCutcheon and Syd Adamson.

Monday, March 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Phyllis Windsor recorded the high score with Vic Ballik second high. Moonshots went to Eileen Shepstone and Vic Ballik while Dorothy McElwain won the draw.

Tuesday, March 2 euchre at Gelert: Audrey Vick reports a good turnout in spite of the rain with Pearl Cowen earning high lady honours and Joyce Schellenberg low. For the gents it was Norm Lee with the high score and Rick McElwain with the low while Don Hicks held the most lone hands and Gala Stamp won the draw.

Tuesday, March 2 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were four Small Slams with Harold Cox and Stella McMillan taking the first two then Muriel McIntosh first with Ross Fletcher and then partnered with Reet Murray. Topping the scores was Muriel McIntosh at 7310 followed by Harold Cox 7040, Reet Murray 6120 and Gloria Moore 5360. The lucky draw winner was Diana Spicer. Muriel McIntosh was presented with the "C.T.H.T." Award for [shades of Gretchky] her "Completing The Hat Trick".

Tuesday, March 2 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Pat Scadden and Bev Johnson tied for first place at 290 points with Pat Roussel next at 286. Single moonshots went to Eileen Shepstone, Marcel Roussel, Kay Naylor and Elva Paisley while Sharon Evans took two. The hidden scores were uncovered by Georgina Parkes, Ida Young and Kevin Maloney and birthday wishes echoed for Elli Langpohl.

Tuesday, March 2 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: The top team was George Hamilton and Grace Berardi with 428 points then Syd Lockhart and Verna Sawyer second at 408 and Beverley Alexander partnered with Marj Hamilton 398 third. Lil Allen and Marj Tibbitts recorded the afternoon's low of 108.



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

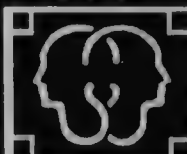
The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 3:00 pm in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden site, Hyland Crest.

2004/05 Membership in the Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident (including seasonal) of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of the City of Kawartha Lakes; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County, for a period of at least 12 months, and paid the annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the AGM, new memberships must be obtained by March 24 2004. Membership from last year, 2003/04, will expire at the close of this AGM.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board at least thirty days before the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid, and a membership card obtained, at both sites of the HHHS, Minden and Haliburton, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services at Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 or telephone: 705-457-1392 ext.248 / facsimile 705-457-2398 or email: brussell@hhhs.on.ca



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Egads! It's soccer time already

Registration starts March 16 and 27 in Stanhope



STANHOPE LIFE

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With the weather so mild and the rain falling heavily, our snow is quickly melting away and a glimpse of spring is appearing. It's time to start thinking about what your kids are going to be involved in this summer.

The summer just isn't the same without sports. The Stanhope Soccer League has had its starter meeting for the 2004 soccer season. Soccer Registration will take place at the Stanhope Community Centre on March 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and again on March 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you are not available on these days to register in person but you want your child to be involved, registration can be made by phone at 705-766-9968. Phone registration

ends in mid-April, so register as soon as you can.

The Stanhope Soccer League is for children aged 5 to 14 and is for *fun* only. Children play against their own age groups and games are played every Tuesday evening in the summer from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is \$25, which is up from previous years and will include a team T-shirt, year-end BBQ and team picture. The Soccer League committee is looking for people to join their committee. As a member you would be responsible for taking part in four annual meetings that help the soccer league make decisions on teams and agenda. The soccer league is always looking for new coaches and assis-

tant coaches. Student coaches are also welcome and hours count toward community service hours to complete your high school goals. See you on the field.

The Hawk Lake Log Chute Restoration Project is underway. Project Supervisors Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong are working on a variety of aspects of the task including finding almost 50,000 board feet of hemlock. Donations of hemlock have been made by Keith Thomas of Thomas Contracting, Peter Schleifenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve and two local residents, Ron Harrison of Kushog and Harold Harrison of Boshkung. Other work includes applying to foundations for the remaining \$40,000, continuing research, working with Merv Bunker on the working scale model of the chute and confirming in-kind donors to the project. Tony has built the first of 24 "cradles" for the chute in his shop.

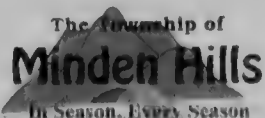
For great photos and up-to-date information on the scale model and the project, visit www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca and

have a look around

Just a reminder to all the little ones that Ontario Early Years is providing a day of fun, games and crafts for children aged 0 - 6 years. The next play day is on March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is held downstairs in the Stanhope Community Centre. The theme for March is animals.

Ontario Early Years gives youngsters a great opportunity to learn how to share and play nicely with other children. It is great for those shy children who may need some play time before they start school, is also good for moms who need more to do with their little ones, or day care facilitators who want to do something fun and different with the kids. Play days are free and are held once or twice a month depending on the schedule. If you would like to have lunch with everyone, pack a bagged lunch. For more information call Suzanne Long at 457-2989.

If you have any interesting news or you know of something that is going on in Stanhope that people will want to know about, E-mail me at alisha_stevens20@hotmail.com or call 705-766-9968. Don't forget to do your part to keep Stanhope a beautiful place. Reduce, reuse, recycle! Blue boxes are available for purchase at the Stanhope Township office for \$5 each.



Are you interested in volunteering within your community?

The Municipality is looking for **VOLUNTEERS**

to site on the **Minden Hills Physician Recruitment Committee**

for 2004 to 2006 calendar years

This is a new Advisory Committee established by Council to recruit to and retain physicians within Minden Hills. If you are interested in providing hands-on assistance with this Committee, please reply, in writing, stating your reasons for applying, prior to

Friday, March 19, 2004 to:

Twyla Nicholson, Deputy Clerk
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
Telephone: 705-286-1260
Fax: 705-286-4917

Email: tnicholson@county.haliburton.on.ca

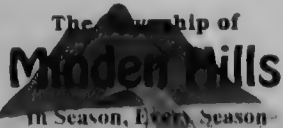


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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MINDEN HILLS

The Lochlin landfill site has reached its licensed capacity and will no longer accept waste other than **household domestic waste and recyclable material**. The Township of Minden Hills has applied for and received approval from The Ministry of the Environment to amend the Lochlin landfill site Certificate of Approval to allow for the establishment of a temporary transfer station for the disposal of domestic waste only. This Amendment is for a one-year period and allows the Township time to make a determination as to how the site will be developed. Bins will be provided for residents to dispose of bags of garbage. The Lochlin site will **no longer** accept fridges, stoves, tires and construction material or metal of any kind. These materials **must** be disposed of at the **Scotch Line** landfill site. The Township of Minden Hills would like to thank the residents for their cooperation. For further information, please contact Robert Romberg at (705) 286-1260.



PUBLIC NOTICE SEWER FLUSHING

throughout the Minden Sewer System Area will occur for approximately 2 weeks commencing

Monday, March 15th, 2004

If there are any concerns, please contact the Municipal Office at **(705) 286-1260**

Privacy Legislation: Is Your Organization Ready?

A workshop for leaders in non-profit organizations
(staff, volunteers and board members)

On January 1, 2004 the Personal Information Privacy and Electronic documentation Act (PIPEDA) came into force for all businesses and organizations in Canada.

If you have a phone list, mailing list, database or files of volunteers, donors, clients or customers you must be aware of PIPEDA, its effects on your business practices and your responsibilities to comply with the legislation.

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2004

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901 for more information.
- **Intermediate Folk Art/Decorative Painting Class** with teacher Linda Smith, Mondays from 10am to 12pm. Registration is required. Call the Dorset Rec Centre (705) 766-9968.
- **Quilters Etc Club** is meeting at the Dorset Rec Centre on Fridays from 9-12pm. This is a "drop-in" for knitters, quilters and needle workers. All are welcome from beginners to advanced. Call Shirley-Anne (705) 766-2738 or Mildred (705) 766-0335.
- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join this non-profit weight loss support group.
- Anyone interested in or affiliated with **Mental Health Services** are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539 Minden ON K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575
- **Well Baby Drop-In** - Mondays at the HKPR Health Unit in Haliburton. 1:30-3:30pm. Weigh your baby, discuss infant care, breastfeeding support, etc. 457-1391 ext.224.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a special "buddy" and share your interests, or plan a fun activity with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou at Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Now Until May 28:** Walkers are welcome to use the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden 7:30am until 8:15am Mon-Fri. Call Moris Duff 286-6079.
- **Skating:** Anyone interested in couples/singles adult pleasure skating once a week at Minden Arena, please call marilyn 286-6792. Day and time to be decided.
- **March 1 to 18:** Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program. For parents and children (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together. 10am to 11am Mondays in Minden & 10am to 11am Tuesday mornings in Haliburton. For info & to register call Ontario Early Years Centre 286-1770 or Family Services 457-5345.
- **March 8:** The Senior Winter Games tryouts for Mixed Badminton will be held at Archie Stouffer Elementary School from 7:45-9:45pm. Call Lois at 286-1765.
- **March 10:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists - Please join us for our first "Members Show" Slides will illustrate wildflowers, mushrooms, Snowdon Park wetlands, trekking in the Himalayas and other topics of interest. Haliburton Museum at 7:30 pm
- **March 10:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups - 7-8:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office Adult Child Group in Haliburton. Contact Janet Bottum 457-8335.
- **March 11:** Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre presents Personal Safety by Sherry Jank, Peterborough Lakeland Community Police, 1 pm- 3 pm. Call 705-748-5901.
- **March 11:** The Minden Auxillary of H.H.H.S. is holding a regular meeting at 1pm at Hyland Crest. Everyone is welcome.
- **March 11:** Come out and meet MIKE PERRY. Mike is seeking the NDP nomination for our riding. 6-7pm, St. Paul's Anglican Church hall. Pancakes and maple syrup will be served. Call Sharon at: 887-2537.
- **March 11:** 7:00 p.m. Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands monthly meeting at the Norman Sisco Centre. Guest speaker at 7:10pm is Linda Coneybeare who will also discuss the topic of living a healthy balanced lifestyle.
- **March 12:** St. Patrick's Day Stew and Biscuit Lunch at the Haliburton Legion 11.30am-1.30pm. Entertainment by the Gentlemen of Song, Kathleen Owens and Earl Cooper. Please come and support this fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxillary. For more info call 754 3319.
- **March 14:** Irish Pot Luck Dinner- come and join the fun at the Lochlin Community Centre. 5:30-7:00 p.m. A delicious variety of Irish stews will be provided. Please bring your favourite pot luck salads, rolls, or desserts. Admission by donation.
- **March 15:** The Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee invites all ages to the meeting at the former Township of Somerville Office in Kinmount at 8pm.
- **March 15:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups - 1-2:30 p.m.. Hyland crest Meeting Classroom in Minden. Contact Janet Bottum 457-8335.
- **March 15:** Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden)- Pirate fun at 11am. We will be making treasure chests and having a treasure hunt. Call 286-1770 for a list of March Break Activities and to register.
- **March 16:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call 286-6699.
- **March 17:** Women's Institute will welcome guests to the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30pm. Our topics for our meeting will be: Motto's, Education and the Current Events of Haliburton. Following that our luncheon.
- **March 22:** Hearing Clinic at the Dorset Rec Centre. Call 705-766-9968.
- **March 23:** The Seniors of District 11 Haliburton / Muskoka are having their Mixed Curling Bonspiel in Minden starting at 9am. We'd like more teams. You need to be 55 years of age or older by Dec. 31st, 2004 to qualify. Please call Robert at 754-9747.
- **March 24:** Foot Clinic. Call Ebba Russell at 766-2264 for more information.
- **March 24:** Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) "Making Babyfood" Workshop. 1 p.m. Childcare available. Please call 286-1770 to sign-up.
- **March 25:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups - 10am to Noon. New group called "Caring with Confidence" being held at Haliburton Some Support Office. Call 457-2941 to register.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. Call 705-328-6175.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Counting owls is a hoot

Night vision or just a flashlight required if you want to help with Owl Survey

Owls are elusive, secretive and mysterious. The mystique surrounding owls is likely one of the reasons that more than 1,000 Bird Studies Canada (BSC) volunteers annually track the whereabouts of thousands of owls all across Canada.

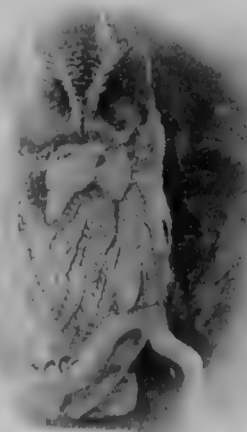
To effectively monitor owls, surveys must be conducted when the birds are most active - at night. Data collected by owl surveyors provide important information on the health of Canada's owl populations and help unravel some of the mystery surrounding owls.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey. No experience is needed - anyone can participate. Training materials are provided and an answer to your ques-

tions is only an E-mail or telephone call away. The only prerequisite to participate is a keen interest in owls and the enthusiasm to venture out in the dark on a single evening in April each year to survey owls.

Participants must provide their own vehicle, compass and flashlight.

If you give a hoot about owls and would like to participate in the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey, please contact Susan Debrececi (toll free: 1-888-448-2473, sdebrececi@bsc-eoc.org). There is no fee to participate. The Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey is coordinated by Bird Studies Canada in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - Wildlife Assessment Program.



Clothing donations needed to help victims of house fire



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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We are thinking of and praying for Glen, Dale and Brent Card who lost their home in Dorset in a tragic fire on Sunday, February 29. For those who wish to help the Card family, cash donations can be made at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Huntsville or Dorset. Clothing donations in men's sizes small and medium for tops, or pants in waist sizes 32 and 33/34 and ladies sizes in medium for tops and 32 waist for pants can be dropped off at Robinson's General Store. Larger items such as furniture and appliances are being accepted for storage by the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department until a home can be rebuilt. Contact any member of the fire department to make arrangements.

The Dorset Heritage Museum is looking for volunteers to help out at the bi-weekly Rainbow Bingo in Huntsville. This involves about three hours every other Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. Any help would be appreciated. Please call Kerry at 766-2246 or Norm at 766-2814.

Community Outreach Services will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon to provide free assistance with tapping into regional services, improving your job search, resume and cover letter design, increasing your interview skills, learning how to tap the hidden job market and exploring your career and training options. For more information, please call the Huntsville Employment Resource Centre at 787-0349.

Thank you very much to the kind person who picked up the Krazy Carpets at the tobogganing hill after the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. The sliders can be returned to the Rec Centre any time - Monday to Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or picked up at your convenience. Please call the Rec Centre at 766-9968 to make arrangements.

In late 2003, the Haliburton County Library Board received a grant from the Trillium Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase non-adult books for use in the eight branches of the Haliburton County Public Library. The books are beginning to arrive and, after processing, will be distributed for use by library users. Commenting on this improvement to local public library resources, Joel Levis, Chief Executive Officer of the Board, said "This has been an area of the collection that has long been needing a large injection of new materials. We have been adding over the years but this is the first time that we have had such a one-time improvement... The whole community will benefit." All new materials will be listed in the library's catalogue to be found at www.libris.ca/hali/ and will be available at or through the individual local branches located in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Haliburton, Highland Grove, Minden, Stanhope and Wilberforce. Full contact information is available on the Web site at www.libris.ca/hali/ or by telephone from the County Library Administrative Centre (705) 457 2241 or the Dorset branch at 766-9969 Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays 2 to 4:30 p.m. or Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Attention all Dorset crafters: the Emsdale Community Centre Board is accepting spaces for its Spring Craft Sale on May 1, 2004. The sale will run between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Bookings are accepted on a first-paid, first-placed basis. Please call Ramona at 705-636-5659 or Lyn at 705-636-7718.

Birthday wishes for February 29 to March 6 go out to Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown, Dustin Clark and Lorraine Cyopick. Hope you had/have a great day!

To submit something for the Dorset news call 766-0076 by Sunday evening for the next week's paper or send an E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com.

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The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network, with funds granted by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Living Legacy program for Hike Haliburton, is committed to upgrading/developing 120km of hiking trails in the next two years. The Trails & Tours Network invites proposals for hiking trails. Of particular interest are proposals for long distance hiking/backpacking trails. Both public and privately owned trails in the Highlands are eligible provided the trails are open to the public. A proposal template is available from the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network office. Deadline for submissions is April 2nd. For more information, please contact us at 705-489-4049 or khoover@trailsandtours.on.ca

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
HOWARD JACKSON
SUTHERLAND, deceased.**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Howard Jackson Sutherland, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 15th day of January, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned Executor on or before the 24th day of March, 2004. AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons hereto entitled, having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate shall have notice. DATED at Haliburton, Ontario, this 18th day of February, 2004, by ROGER DART, P.O. Box 1038, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, Executor for the Estate of Howard Jackson Sutherland.

440 THANK YOU

SPECIAL THANKS TO St. Jude, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Blessings received.

460 OBITUARIES

ANNIE LANE SCHRADER
Passed away peacefully at
Extencicare, Haliburton
on Monday, March 1, 2004.
In her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late George Edward Schrader. Dear mother of Keith of Lochlin, Kenneth of Lochlin, Claude and his wife Linda of Ingoldsby, Donald and his wife Marilyn of Milton. Loving grandmother of Donna and Peter, Mark, Daryl, Marita, Stephen and great grandmother of Patricia and Daniel. Predeceased by her parents John and Florence Stewart and her brother Kenneth Stewart. Survived by her sister-in-law Freda Stewart.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 11:00 am. Spring Interment at the Gelert Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

**MAGGIE JANE
"PEGGY" WILES**
nee Hunter

Passed away peacefully on
February 27, 2004
at Extencicare,
Haliburton, Ontario.
In her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late Cecil Gilbert Wiles. Dear mother of Jacquie and her husband Jim Chamberlain, Haliburton, Sandy and her husband Paul Poulton, Haliburton. Grandmother of 4 grandsons, Jim and his wife Sherry Chamberlain, Kamloops, B.C., Craig and his wife Deborah Chamberlain, Orangeville, Scott & wife Katarina Poulton, Brampton, Shane Poulton, Brampton. Great grandmother of 5 great granddaughters Ashley Megan and Jody Hunter Chamberlain and Brittney, Kala and Tori Poulton.

Private Funeral service has taken place. Funeral arrangements entrusted to
Scott Funeral Home, "West Toronto Chapel"

460 OBITUARIES

**VERA BERNARDINE
BARNHART**

Born on November 14, 1908
at Scotia Junction
and passed away peacefully
at the
Hyland Crest Senior Citizens
Home in Minden
on Monday, March 1, 2004
In her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late Melvin Barnhart. Dear mother of Jack and his wife Roean of Carnarvon, Neil and his wife Eileen of Dwight, Harvey and his wife Audrey of Pine Springs, Bob and his wife Sharon of Carnarvon, predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law Hilda and Jack Crewson, infant son William, granddaughter Charlotte, brother Roy and by her sister Charlotte. Vera is lovingly remembered by her 20 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden,

460 OBITUARIES

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Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on the evening of Wednesday, March 3, 2004 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm, and on Thursday, March 4, 2004 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in our chapel 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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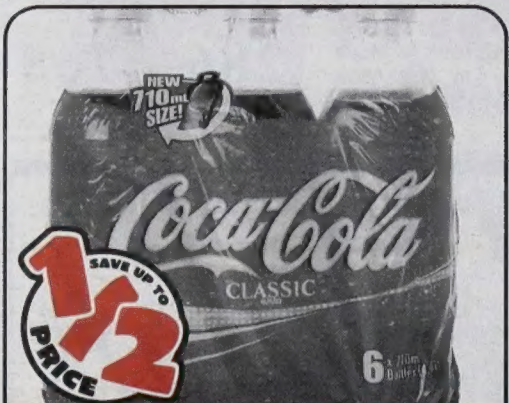


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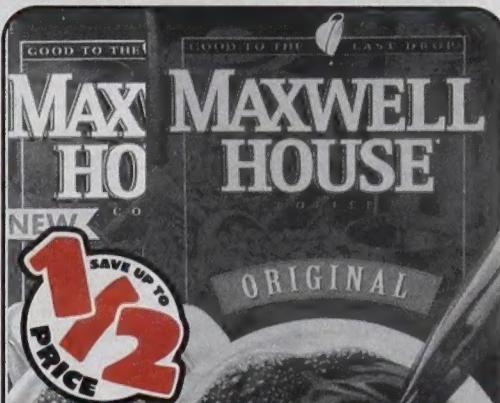
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